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RESPONSE

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2005, applicants hereby elect the invention indicated by the Examiner as group II, on which are readable claims 2 to 9.

Applicants retain their right to file a divisional application for the non-elected invention of group I, on which is readable claim 1.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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